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## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of December 25, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese Patent Application 2003-428718.

A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application 2003-428718 will be submitted upon receipt from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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